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**Child molester is sentenced to 37 additional months for  
child pornography**

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**Daniel Davidson is serving a 28-year state sentence for  
child molestation and kidnapping**

A federal judge today sentenced **Daniel Davidson**, formerly of Jamestown, to 37 months in federal prison for possessing child pornography, which police found in his car in July 2000 after they arrested him on child molestation charges. Davidson, 44, a retired Naval Chief Petty Officer, will have to serve his federal sentence after he completes a 28-year state sentence that he is serving for child kidnapping and molestation.

The Office of the United States Attorney announced the sentence, which U.S. District Court Judge Mary M. Lisi imposed today in U.S. District Court, Providence. Judge Lisi gave Davidson the highest sentence allowed under federal sentencing guidelines and rejected a defense request that the sentence be served concurrently to Davidson's state sentence.

In May, Davidson pleaded guilty to possessing child pornography. At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew J. Reich said that, on July 28, 2000, the day after Davidson was arrested on a kidnapping charge, police seized from his car 13 pages containing 24 child pornography pictures and five computer disks containing 83 images of child pornography. The vast majority of images were of pre-pubescent minors.

Police obtained a warrant to search Davidson's car after he was arrested on July 27, 2000 on a charge of kidnapping a 6-year old girl in Pawtucket earlier that day. He was later charged

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with molesting a North Kingstown girl in September 1999 and with kidnapping a Narragansett girl in October 1999. Davidson pleaded guilty to three state charges – one count of child molestation and two counts of kidnapping. On September 13, 2002, Rhode Island Superior Court Judge Vincent Indeglia sentenced Davidson to serve 28 years of a 60-year sentence.

Once he is released from his federal prison sentence, Davidson will have to serve a three year period of supervision in which his contacts with minors will be restricted and his computer use will be monitored by federal probation officers.

The **Naval Criminal Investigative Service** investigated the case, along with the **Pawtucket, North Kingstown, and Narragansett Police Departments**. Assistant U.S. Attorney Reich prosecuted the federal child pornography case.

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